

REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
Tuesday February 24, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER at 10:04 AM.

The RCCC began using the new style of sign-in form with the February meeting. The form identifies which representatives are authorized for attendance and voting purposes.

UPDATES

The 2009 Steering Committee roster of elected representatives was distributed. Retiring SC members were thanked for their work and the new group was welcomed. The representative appointed from County Health & Human Services Agency for 2009 will be Barbara Jimenez.

2008 SHP Awards: Congratulations to both the City and County consortia for receiving full funding for the 2008 SHP applications. These awards include support for two new grants in each consortium area as well as renewal projects. The San Diego region continues to be quite successful in the competition. Over the past few years, neighboring CoCs have not fared as well.

HUD is offering two SHP E-Snaps debriefing sessions, limited to 20 persons each.. Mielle Schwartz has reserved a seat in the session for Exhibit II and Lynda Brophy is attending the session on Exhibit I. They are willing to carry questions from other RCCC members with them. Please contact them with your questions or concerns.

The Homeless Working Group of San Diego Grant makers hosted a forum for elected officials at the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference. The session was well attended by representatives from several cities in the region, Dr. Dennis Culhane (U. Pennsylvania) and Nan Roman (NAEH) were the key presenters for the session.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM - NSP– Tricia Tasko Levien from the Corporation for Supportive Housing outlined the opportunities available through the Neighborhood Socialization Program (NSP) and encouraged agencies to consider how they could participate. The NSP plans for the City, County. And Chula Vista have been submitted and include specific census tracts are eligible in each of these jurisdictions.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Manual Committee – The Draft RCCC manual has been distributed electronically. The next task for the committee is to decide how to keep the manual updated. For example, it will need to be updated to reflect the new attendance guidelines,

Legislative Committee – A report is being distributed electronically by Rosemary Johnston.

Rating and Ranking Group – Shanda Roberts advised that the committee will be meeting on March 16th and encouraged RCCC members to become involved. Any feedback from the 2008 local process should be forwarded to Shanda prior to March 15th.

Employment – Dave Siegler, Jack Miklos – The Employment Committee thanked for their great work in 2008. During the technical Assistance training provided by HUD in January, the CUC associates noted that the San Diego Region is “off the chart” in helping SHP participants to gain employment income. This success could be challenging to repeat in the diminished economy. RCCC Members were invited to join this task-oriented group that focus their efforts on preparing the annual forum.

Homeless Representative – Patti Hamic Christensen – We are still seeking opportunities and ideas for expanding opportunities for participation of consumers in the RCCC.

Data Advisory Group – The 2009 PIT data is being compiled. Members were thanked for helping to make this the most inclusive count ever, with 400 volunteers and virtually all maps covered. The Data Advisory Committee and the RCCC Steering group will meet jointly on March 19th.

PTECH -The United Way solicited proposals for three different program components under the PTECH. The responses will be reviewed and funding decisions are anticipated in late March.

STEERING COMMITTEE

HUD Technical Training –CUC and Enterprise provided six pages of response to the questions raised at the January technical assistance training. This information has been forwarded to HUD – LA and we are awaiting their confirmation. There are a couple of items that if confirmed will require SHP organizations to alter operations. For example, each SHP unit needs to have an annual Housing Quality Assessment. CUC determined that agencies could not conduct these assessments themselves because it could constitute a conflict of interest. HOME program guideline, however, allow self- inspections. We have asked HUD for a final determination on this.

Data Quality Planning 2009 is “the year of data” for the RCCC, this timing is fortunate because the stimulus /homeless prevention funds also require HMIS use. The Steering Committee will be working to review systems to help ensure superior performance in this area.

Stimulus Bil – A handout summarizing the homeless provisions in the stimulus bill was distributed. Members were asked to watch email and to be prepared to respond quickly when asked for input. Communities will only have 45-60 days to respond with their plan.

Letters of Intent 2009 – In October, the RCCC decided to postpone the request for letters of intent to request funds in the 2009 SHP process. At this point, the Steering Committee has recommended beginning that process by requesting LOI forms prior to the March RCCC meeting. Watch for a request by email.

HIV/ AIDS services, Charlie Corrigan (formerly of CSH) is conducting a survey and interviews to gather information about HIV/AIDS services and coordination in this region. RCCC members may be contacted, especially members of the HIV AIDS housing coalition.

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**Next Meeting
Tuesday, March 31st
10:00 – 11:30 AM
National University
9388 Lightwave Avenue
San Diego, CA 92071**